

COMMISSIONERS:

Reed Boyd, President
Tom Dodds, Vice President
Dennis Wright, Treasurer
Judy Canion, Assistant Treasurer
Tom Quirk, Secretary

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5: BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 6, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Boyd.
 - a. **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** All Present
 - b. **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** N/A
 - c. **OPERATIONS STAFF:** Chief Barron, Jennifer La Font
 - d. **VISITORS:** Firefighter Hanson & Firefighter Serrano
2. **MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 8, 2021 BOARD MEETING WERE APPROVED.**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A
4. **ESD TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balanced Accounting and Financial Reports were presented by Commissioner Wright. Treasurer's report was approved. All in favor.
5. **OPERATIONS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT:** Chief Barron presented the attached written report. Certain highlights follow:

April 2021 Monthly Report

Activity:	Month	YTD
Fire	4	23
EMS	79	268
Hazardous Cond	3	21
Service	11	53
Good Intent	23	136
False Call	7	28
Other	1	7
Total	128	536

Auto Aid Received by AFD 25

Auto Aid Given to AFD 39

Apparatus/Equipment/Projects

- New Engine Update
 - Further revisions/requests to Spartan for revised quote to more meet our needs for an apparatus
 - Spartan Demo truck came by the station and allowed our personnel to test drive. Very impressed with the turn radius ride of the vehicle
 - Spartan quote with revisions: \$614,702 Request \$616,704 for couple of minor revisions to the specs
 - Delivery is 365days
 - Driver/Operators looked over all proposals and wish to go with the Spartan
- Chief Poole and crew worked on evaluating an issue with our front line hose creating kinking problems upon deployment. Discovered our main speedlay 1.75" hose is single jacketed hose which is lighter weight but causes kinking at the pressure we are operating our engines at. Looking at replacing approximately 400' this budget year so that our firefighters do not have an issue with the hose when fighting fire.
- Brush Truck 501 returned to service and is operating great. Returned ESD1's loaned brush truck to ESD1
- Evaluations conducted on rescue tools to replace our 16 year old tools. Crews have agreed that they would like to request E-Tools (electronic tools) in the 2021-2022 budget. This will remove the need for an external power supply unit.
 - Cutting strength of the new tools (hydraulic or electronic) are three times greater than our current tools allowing for far greater cutting and spreading strength (see attached)
- Ordered new replacement mobile data computers to be placed in Engine 501, Battalion 501 and Command 501. We will re-purpose the existing MDCs and surplus the oldest MDCs
- Finished historic document review and destruction project of 4 file cabinets
- Finished upstairs cleanup and re-arrangement project

Winter Weather 2021

- Chief Poole has been finishing out an order on various supplies needed so we are better prepared for next winter weather event

Personnel

- Have identified a few part time staff that are not active. We will be adding a few more part time personnel to our roster to assist with filling shifts and overtime costs.
- Chief providing a basic first aid presentation to the Rural Water Association annual training conference in May
- Have nine personnel interested in taking a child safety seat check class when one becomes available closer to our area.
- Held monthly officer meeting

Countywide AutoAid

- Travis and Williamson County Departments have been working on updating the Standard Operating Guidelines so that we can accommodate a majority of most departments operating standards

- We will be meeting with all parties on May 12 to discuss and approve needed changes to the operating guidelines
- IF a compromise is not reached, TCESD5 will need to begin discussions with AFD for an auto aid agreement

COVID-19 Info:

- No new cases
- Have assisted with vaccine distribution at COTA
- Travis County is anticipated to be receiving over \$250million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. ESDs have been asked to provide input on the possible uses for this funding.
 - Countywide ESDs radios are generally not encryption capable. There is a request to replace all radios with encryption capable radios
 - The county is expected to request funding to go toward the replacement of these radios and/or MDC replacements for ESDs still utilizing the older style MDCs and radios not capable of encryption
 - To ESD5, all but one radio are NOT capable of encryption. 3 Mobile Data Computers would be slated for replacement if this funding is received.

Station/Land

- Station 501
 - No current significant issues or problems with the station
 - Holding Blue Card Incident Command class for Austin Fire in May
- Station 502
 - Discussions with Buda FD
 - Buda FD can't commit to assist with staffing part of the station yet. A station or staffing is not in their 5 year plan
 - Chief Huckaby will be discussing possible staffing and the station concept with his board at their next meeting

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.** Tabled.
7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUND FOR PURCHASE OF THE NEW APPARATUS.** All board members in favor of approving up to 625k.
8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION TO ADD ALL BOARD MEMBERS & CHIEF BARRON AS A SIGNER ON THE BANK ACCOUNT.** On motion by Commissioner Canion, seconded by Commissioner Wright with the exception of Chief Barron until we get legal verification that it not a conflict of interest. All in favor.
9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUXILIARY GROUP UPDATES/REQUESTS OR APPROVALS NEEDED BY THE BOARD.** No Action.
10. **SET AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE FOR JUNE MEETING.** June 3, 2021
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm

Submitted by:

Approved:

Tom Quirk, TCESD #5, Secretary

Reed Boyd, TCESD #5, President